# Pulse

Singapore: economic growth slowing sharply

Based on advance indicators for Q2 2019, Singapore's GDP barely increased in y/y terms (+0.1%) and declined by 3.4% q/q sa (down from +1.1% and 3.8%, respectively, in Q1). GDP contraction is due to the weak performance of the manufacturing sector, which is hard hit by the effects of US-China trade tensions and weakening global tech cycle. The authorities have recently revised down their forecast for real GDP growth in 2019, to a "1.5%-2.5%" range from a "1.5%-3.5%" range projected earlier this year. Risks to the outlook remain tilted to the downside.

* Q2' 19: China, Singapore
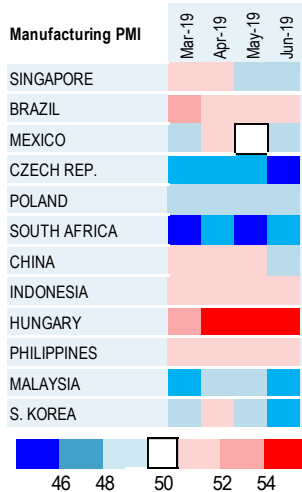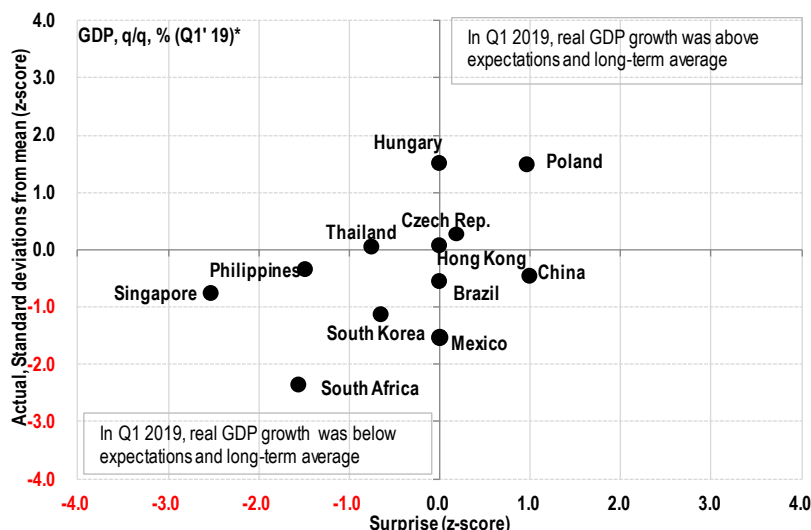
Note: z-score is a score which indicates how many standard deviations an observation is from the mean: $z=(x-\mu)/\sigma$ where x: observation, μ: mean, σ: standard deviation.
On the X-axis, x corresponds at the last known surprise for each indictor represented on the graph, μ and σ corresponds respectively to the mean and the standard deviation of the last 24 value for monthly data and the last 8 quarters for quarterly data.
On the Y-axis, x corresponds at the last known value of indicator, μ and σ corresponds respectively to the mean and the standard deviation for this indicator since 2000 (for China since 2011).

Indicators preview

An important week ahead of us. The highlight is the ECB meeting. Expectations about further easing have increased following the comments of Mario Draghi at the ECB conference in Sintra in June. The question now is whether the Governing Council will meet the elevated expectations. The ECB will also publish the Survey of Professional Forecasters. It will be interesting to see how inflation expectations have evolved. In terms of data we have a heavy schedule: flash PMIs in several countries, IFO business climate in Germany, French business confidence, regional indicators in the US (Richmond, Kansas City) and, importantly, second quarter US GDP growth.

Date	Country/Region	Event	Period	Survey	Prior
07/23/2019	United Kingdom	CBI Business Optimism	July	--	-13
07/23/2019	United States	Richmond Fed Manufact. Index	July	--	71.6535
07/23/2019	Eurozone	Consumer Confidence	July	--	-7.2
07/23/2019	United States	Existing Home Sales	June	5.36e+06	5.34e+06
07/23/2019	United States	Existing Home Sales MoM	June	0.4%	2.5%
07/24/2019	Japan	Jibun Bank Japan PMI Composite	July	--	50.8
07/24/2019	France	Business Confidence	July	--	106
07/24/2019	France	Markit France Composite PMI	July	--	52.7
07/24/2019	Germany	Markit/BME Germany Composite PMI	July	52.2	52.6
07/24/2019	Eurozone	Markit Eurozone Composite PMI	July	--	52.2
07/24/2019	United States	MBA Mortgage Applications	July-19	--	-1.1%
07/24/2019	United States	Markit US Composite PMI	July	--	51.5
07/24/2019	United States	New Home Sales MoM	June	7.0%	-7.8%
07/25/2019	Germany	IFO Business Climate	July	97.6	97.4
07/25/2019	France	Total Jobseekers	2Q	--	3.3919e+06
07/25/2019	Eurozone	ECB Main Refinancing Rate	July-25	0.000%	0.000%
07/25/2019	United States	Cap Goods Orders Nondef Ex Air	June	--	0.5%
07/25/2019	United States	Kansas City Fed Manf. Activity	July	--	--
07/26/2019	Eurozone	ECB Survey of Professional Forecasters			
07/26/2019	United States	GDP Annualized QoQ	2Q	1.7%	3.1%

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